



LIFETIME LICENSE UPDATE



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Your 2009 California Lifetime Hunting License is enclosed. If you purchased the Additional Bird Hunting Privileges, your 2009 Upland Game Bird Stamp and 2009 California Duck Stamp are electronically printed on your license. A collectible 2008 California Duck Stamp and 2008 Upland Game Bird Stamp are enclosed for licensees with the Additional Bird Hunting Privileges. If you purchased the Big Game Hunting Privileges, your 2009 First-Deer Tag Application and five 2009 Wild Pig Tags are enclosed.

Big Game Drawing Information

Applications for the 2009 Big Game Drawing must be received at the License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento by 5:00 p.m., June 2, 2009. Hunters who entered the 2008 Big Game Drawing will be mailed a California Hunting Digest-Big Game in mid-April. This booklet contains applications for elk, antelope, and bighorn sheep tag drawings and information that will assist you in applying for premium deer tags as well. Your hunter identification labels with preference point totals will be mailed to you separately. The booklet is also available from DFG offices, license agents, and will be available on the DFG's web site at: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/hunting/hunting.html.

Attention Deer Hunters!

The Fish and Game Commission may adopt new rules on April 21, 2009 affecting the issuance of deer tags. Deer tags would be classified based on the date the tag quota filled during the previous license year. The classification would determine how deer tags are issued. The 2009 California Hunting Digest-Big Game gives details about the proposed rule changes. If you hunt C, D12, D17, A1, A17, A18, A19, A22, A31, or A32, please visit our web site or contact your nearest DFG office before you apply for one of these tags.

Lifetime Licensees Who Live Outside of California

If you no longer reside in California, your lifetime license and the privileges you have purchased are still valid. You are still eligible to purchase lifetime hunting privilege packages. However, if you reside in another state, you are considered a nonresident under California law. If you need additional tags, you must purchase nonresident tags. Additionally, **hunters who reside outside of California, must apply as a nonresident when applying for elk, antelope and bighorn sheep drawings.**

Waterfowl Hunting

If you plan to hunt migratory game birds in California during 2009, you must complete the enclosed Harvest Information Program (HIP) form and affix the free HIP stamp to your 2009 California Lifetime Hunting License. You are required to return your HIP form to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the enclosed envelope.

In addition to a California Duck Stamp, a Federal Duck Stamp is also required to hunt waterfowl in California.

Purchasing Additional Items

To purchase any additional hunting privileges, such as bear or deer tag applications, season passes, or reservation applications for waterfowl hunting, please visit your local license agent or Department of Fish and Game (DFG) office. Federal Duck Stamps may be purchased from the U.S. Post Office and from some license agents. You can find a license agent in your area on the DFG's web site at: <http://dfginternal5.dfg.ca.gov/lasweb/>.

Hunting Regulation Booklets

2009 California mammal hunting regulations will be available from DFG offices and license agents in June. Regulations for waterfowl, upland game birds and hunting and other public uses on State and Federal areas will be combined in one booklet that will be available in September. All regulation booklets will be available on the DFG's web site at: www.dfg.ca.gov/regulations/.

Thank you for your continued support of California's Lifetime License Program. Your license fees provide a dedicated source of funds that help the DFG fulfill its mission to protect and conserve California's fish and wildlife. If you have any questions about your license, please contact Ms. Katie Winn by telephone at (916) 928-5853 or email at kwinn@dfg.ca.gov. I hope you enjoy the wonderful hunting opportunities that California has to offer!